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AND USE THEREOF FOR
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AQUEOUS SOLVENT MIXTURES

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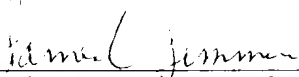
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References DE 41 29 076 A1 and FR 2 435 521 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith. References DE 295 043 45.8U1 and EP 0 600 203 A1 are not in

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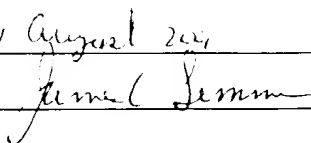
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		1)	International Search Report dated 10/20/1999; application no. PCT/EP99/07968
		2)	Reinhard Billet; "Industrielle Destillation", Verlag Chemie GmbH, 1973, pp. 250-256

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